

# THE CITY COUNCIL

## OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

### REGULAR MEETING

Quincy, Illinois, April 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the City Council was held this day at 7:05 p.m. with Mayor Michael A. Troup presiding.

The following members were physically present: Ald. Fletcher, Entrup, Bergman, Bauer, Hultz, Mays, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed, Uzelac, Holtschlag. 14.

The minutes of the regular meeting of the City Council held April 8, 2024, were approved on a motion of Ald. Entrup. Motion carried.

Legal Counsel: Assistant Corporation Counsel Bruce Alford.

#### **The City Clerk presented and read the following:**

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kyle Moore, president of GREDF, spoke in favor of TIF South.

Traci Drummond spoke about the pedestrian accident at 4th & Maine and is afraid someone will get killed.

Chris Witherspoon, Cathy Hayden, Jeannie Oenning spoke about concerns with pedestrian crossing at 4th & Maine intersection.

Michael Pointus asked for more safety signage at 4th & Maine intersection.

Howard passed out a letter to the council with his concerns about traffic at 4th & Maine intersection.

Sarah Reynolds spoke in favor of TIF South.

Bruce Guthrie, director of the Chamber of Commerce, spoke in favor of TIF South.

Rev. Carl Terry wanted to thank the Quincy Fire Department and caller concerning the fire at Bethel AME church.

Brianna Rivera, director of The District, spoke in favor of TIF South.

### PETITIONS

A Special Event Application from Bret Austin of the Quincy Brewing and Arts District requesting permission to hold "May Fest" on Saturday, May 11, 2024, from 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 10:00 p.m. on York Street between 9th and 10th Streets. He requests the closure of York Street, 9th to 10th and South 10th Street, York Street north to the alley from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. on the day of the event and that the City provide barricades. The Quincy Police Department has approved the request that liquor ordinances be waived to allow for the consumption and possession of liquor on public streets, alleys, sidewalks, and lots and has approved a Live Entertainment/Public Gathering application for live music. The request to assemble a stage for the live entertainment at the intersection of 10th and York Streets and approval of the stage is recommended pending an inspection of the structure by the Quincy Fire Department once the stage is in place and prior to the start of the event. All required documentation has been submitted and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

A Special Event Application from the Optimist Club of Quincy requesting permission to hold the "Soap Box Derby" on Friday, June 14th and Saturday, June 15th. They request the closure of North 18th Street, Seminary Road to Kochs Lane and Hollister-Whitney Parkway, North 18th Street to North 24th Street beginning at 12:00 p.m. (noon) on Thursday, June 13th through 7:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 15th and the City provide barricades and "Road Closed" signage for the street closures. "No Parking" signs are requested to be placed on North 18th Street, Kochs Lane south to Hollister Whitney Parkway on the morning of Thursday, June 15th. The Quincy Police Department has approved a Live Entertainment/Public Gathering License for the event. All required documentation has been submitted and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Entrup moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

A Special Event Application from the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce requesting permission to hold the annual "Dogwood Parade" on Saturday, May 4, 2024. The parade will begin at 9:30 a.m. at 24th and Maine Street and will disband on 6th Street between Maine and Jersey Streets. Parade entries will line up on Maine Street between 24th and 36th Streets beginning at 7:00 a.m. on the morning of the parade. There will be a delayed start in the event of rain. They request the closure of Maine Street, 6th to 36th, and 6th Street, Jersey to Maine from 7:00 a.m. through 12:00 (noon) on the day of

the event and the City provide barricades. “No Parking” signs are requested to be placed along the parade route by 12:00 (noon) on Friday, May 3rd. Auxiliary Police Officers are requested at major intersections along Maine Street. Event organizers will be responsible for clean-up along the parade route following the event. Emergency Management Services has been involved with the coordination of the event. The applicant has submitted all required documentation and approval is recommended by the Department of Utilities & Engineering.

Ald. Uzelac moved to amend the petition to change 6th & Maine to 5th & Maine due to construction at 6th & Maine north, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition, as amended, be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

A Revocable Permit for Encroachment of City Right-of-Way from Bruce Guthrie, Director of the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce, requesting permission to place parade related signs on City right-of-way along Maine Street between 6th and 36th in conjunction with the annual Dogwood Parade. The signs will be placed the week of April 29th and removed following the parade on May 4th. The request is subject to the following conditions: The petitioner is responsible for the placement and removal of the signs; the signs must be placed so as to not restrict sight visibility, sidewalk usage, or create a safety hazard; the City of Quincy is not responsible for damage to the signs and the petitioner will assume full responsibility for any damage to City infrastructure caused by the placement of the signs.

Ald. Uzelac moved to amend the petition to change 6th & Maine to 5th & Maine due to construction at 6th & Maine north, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

A Revocable Permit for Encroachment of City right-of-way from Brianna Rivera, Executive Director of the District, requesting permission for businesses to place items for sale on City-owned sidewalks for the District’s annual sidewalk sales. The event will take place on downtown sidewalks between Front and 12th Streets, Broadway to State Streets on Saturday, April 20, 2024, during normal business hours. The request is subject to following conditions: Petitioner must maintain a 5-foot straight-line clearance path on sidewalks in front of stores, preferably located closest to the curb: do not create any trip hazards on sidewalks in front of stores; do not block proper access to fire hydrants and maintain a 5-foot clearance around all fire hydrants; petitioner is responsible for any damages to curbs, gutters, sidewalks, parkways, roadways, landscaping, trees and signage and the sidewalk area must remain clean during sale.

Ald. Uzelac moved the prayer of the petition be granted and the proper authorities notified. Motion carried.

### **SALES TAX REPORT**

The report of the Illinois Department of Revenue showing sales tax collected for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of \$980,185.13 was ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Rein. Motion carried.

### **HOME RULE SALES TAX REPORT**

The report of the City’s 1-1/2% home rule sales tax collected for the month of January, 2024 in the amount of \$890,388.87 was ordered received and filed on a motion of Ald. Rein. Motion carried.

### **MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT & REAPPOINTMENT**

By Mayor Michael A. Troup making the appointment of Tairu (Tai) Zong as the Interim Airport Director effective April 18, 2024, and reappointment of Commissioner Barry Cheyne to the Board of Fire & Police Commission term expiring April 15, 2027.

Ald. Uzelac moved the appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION**

The resolution for Statement of Work #3 – Health Insurance Claims Runout Period, was tabled for 2 weeks by Ald. Sassen at the April 1, 2024 council meeting.

Ald. Sassen moved to table the resolution for two weeks, seconded by Ald. Rein. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING MURAL AT 224 SOUTH 8th STREET**

WHEREAS, the Quincy City Council established the Quincy Public Arts Commission in April 2019; and  
WHEREAS, one of the powers and duties of the Quincy Public Arts Commission is to review and approve proposals for public art projects; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Public Arts Commission met on April 3, 2024, to review a proposal to paint a mural of a

skyline horizon on the eastern wall of the Horizons building at 224 South 8th Street; and

WHEREAS, the size of the proposed mural does not comply with City Code as the proposed mural would occupy more than 10% of the frontage wall on a downtown building; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Public Arts Commission has the authority to make a recommendation to the Quincy City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Public Arts Commission voted to recommend the City Council waive the requirements of City Code Chapter 162.268(A)(1) and allow for the proposed mural to be painted on the eastern wall of 224 South 8th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council waives the requirements of City Code Chapter 162.268(A)(1) and allows for a skyline horizon mural to be painted on the eastern wall of 224 South 8th Street as requested.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Quincy Fire Department has a need to replace 1 3/4", and 5" fire hose used by the department for the purposes of extinguishing fires; and,

WHEREAS, this purchase is to replace old fire hose which has been taken out of service; and,

WHEREAS, the department has sought quotations from three (3) vendors for the purpose of purchasing five 100-foot sections of 5" fire hose, and thirty 50-foot sections of 1 3/4" fire hose; and,

WHEREAS, quotations received are as follows:

Dinges Fire Company- \$9,215.00

MES - \$9,620.00

Fire Hose Supply - \$11,916.00

WHEREAS, the department has sufficient funds set aside in the current budget for this purchase; and,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chairman of the Fire Aldermanic Committee and the Fire Chief recommend to the Mayor and City Council that the Fire Chief be authorized to purchase the hose from Dinges Fire Company.

Bernard Vahlkamp

Fire Chief

Ald. Bergman moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Fletcher, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy contracts for janitorial supplies for all city departments; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy Purchasing Department did advertise for sealed bids for seventy-one (71) items; and

WHEREAS, the following sealed bid was received:

Area Distributors, Inc. Quincy, IL \$19,247.30

71 core items 30% discount

WHEREAS, the bid has been reviewed and the bid from Area Distributors Inc., for all specified categories, is complete and has been found to be acceptable; and

WHEREAS, Area Distributors Inc. has agreed to guaranteed pricing for a one-year contract;

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Agent recommends that the bid from Area Distributors, Inc. of Quincy, Illinois, be accepted for a one-year contract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council that the bid for a one-year contract to supply the City's janitorial supplies for all categories thereof submitted by Area Distributors Inc. of Quincy, Illinois, be accepted.

Mary-Ann Ervin

Purchasing Agent

Ald. Holtschlag moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Entrup, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT WITH SOLAR SIMPLIFIED TO PROVIDE REDUCED ENERGY COSTS FOR QUALIFYING RESIDENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy understands the challenges posed by increasing energy costs, especially for low-to-moderate income households; and

WHEREAS, the City has been in talks with Solar Simplified, a registered Illinois Solar For All vendor, regarding its

Community Solar program; and

WHEREAS, Solar Simplified operates three solar farms in Southern Illinois, which generate enough energy to serve roughly 1,000 average-sized households; and

WHEREAS, income-qualified homeowners and/or renters in Quincy who sign up for Solar Simplified's Community Solar Program would benefit from the energy generated by these solar farms in the form of a reduction of up to 50% in their monthly electric bills; and

WHEREAS, there is no cost to sign up for or to participate in Solar Simplified's Community Solar program and there is no requirement to switch energy providers; and

WHEREAS, Quincy homeowners and/or renters who sign up would be enrolled in the program until the solar farms have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, Solar Simplified said there are about 500 spots available to sign up for its Community Solar Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy proposes to enter into an agreement with Solar Simplified regarding its Community Solar Program.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Solar Simplified regarding its Community Solar Program.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, as provided by law.

Ald. Uzelac moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call the following vote resulted: Yeas: Uzelac, Holtschlag, Fletcher, Entrup, Bauer, Hultz, Mays, Farha, Sassen, Rein, Ebbing, Reis, Reed. 13. Nay: Ald. Bergman. 1. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is the owner and operator of the Quincy Regional Airport; and,

WHEREAS, a statewide sales tax is put on all aviation fuel sold in Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, a portion of the collected tax is used to set up a grant wherein airports may apply to have said sales tax reimbursed; and

WHEREAS, the Quincy Regional Airport is eligible to receive \$28,788.10 in reimbursement; and

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy wishes to apply for said funds to reimburse certain operational expenses.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Aeronautics Committee, the City Treasurer and the Airport Director recommend to the Mayor and City Council authorization to apply for the State Fuel Tax Reimbursement Grant in the amount of \$28,788.10.

Ald. Bauer moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Reis, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted ye. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy annually purchases materials for the maintenance of streets and sidewalks funded by the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT); and,

WHEREAS, the Department of Utilities and Engineering requested sealed, competitive bids for the purchase of materials required for annual street and sidewalk maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the following bids were received:

Concrete

R.L. Brink Corporation

Quincy, Illinois \$208,607.50

Bleigh Ready Mix

Quincy, Illinois \$205,842.00

Engineer's Estimate \$227,200.00

Patching Material

Diamond Construction Company

Quincy, Illinois \$ 49,300.00

Engineer's Estimate \$ 66,650.00

WHEREAS, the Engineering Manager has reviewed the bids and finds them to be acceptable; and,

WHEREAS, funding for the purchase of maintenance materials will be available upon passage of the proposed 2024/2025 Motor Fuel Tax Fund fiscal year budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Engineering Manager and Central Services Committee recommend to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the low, responsible, and qualified bid for each material, as listed above,

be accepted subject to approval by the Illinois Department of Transportation and that the Mayor be authorized to sign necessary contract documents.

Steve Bange, P.E.  
Engineering Manager

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Burlington Junction Railroad is the owner of a railroad bridge that crosses over Curtis Creek near Lock and Dam Road; and,

WHEREAS, the Burlington Junction Railroad desires the replacement of the existing rail structure that crosses over Curtis Creek; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Quincy is the owner of property on Lock and Dam Road that is adjacent to the existing railroad bridge; and,

WHEREAS, Burlington Junction Railroad requires a temporary construction easement from the City of Quincy to allow for access to the construction site and placement of rip-rap for erosion control purposes; and,

WHEREAS, the terms of the proposed easement will not interfere with the operation of the sanitary sewer pump station that is located on the City-owned property; and,

WHEREAS, the easement will expire upon the completion of the work and restoration of the easement area or on October 31, 2027, whichever is sooner; and,

WHEREAS, the easement document has been reviewed by the Department of Utilities and Engineering and City of Quincy Legal Department and found to be acceptable.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Engineering Manager recommends to the Mayor and Quincy City Council that the Mayor be authorized to execute a Temporary Construction Easement with Burlington Junction Railroad on behalf of the City of Quincy. Said easement is attached hereto.

Steve Bange, P.E.  
Engineering Manager

Ald. Sassen moved for the adoption of the resolution, seconded by Ald. Holtschlag, and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Adopting the Annual operating budget for the City of Quincy for the Fiscal Year Ending April 30, 2025.

**ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: Ordinance Approving The Tax Increment Redevelopment Plan And Project For The South TIF Redevelopment Project Area.

**ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: Ordinance Designing The South TIF Redevelopment Project Area.

**ORDINANCE**

Second presentation of an Ordinance entitled: Ordinance Adopting Tax Increment Financing For The South TIF Redevelopment Project Area.

**ORDINANCE**

First presentation of an Ordinance entitled: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 152 (Demolition Of Building Or Structures And Requirement Of Fire Protection Guard) Of The Municipal Code Of The City Of Quincy Of 2015. (Amending City Code to reduce the length of the review period from up to 90 days to the amount of time required to hold two regularly scheduled Preservation Commission meetings.)

**REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Quincy, Illinois, April 15, 2024

	Transfers	Expenditures	Payroll
City Hall.....		1,510.72	33,063.63
Planning & Dev .....	25,500.00		
9-1-1.....	32,500.00		

Building Maintenance.....		923.22	
Comptroller.....		617.04	12,365.50
Legal Department.....		70.45	9,425.40
Commissions.....		526.12	750.96
IT Department.....		235.52	12,798.91
Police Department.....		16,445.73	273,852.38
Fire Department.....		49,041.87	202,945.13
Public Works.....		41,174.86	49,805.45
Engineering.....		30,340.84	18,331.43
Tax Distribution/Subsidies.....		275,878.85	
<b>GENERAL FUND SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>58,000.00</b>	<b>416,765.22</b>	<b>613,338.79</b>
Planning and Development.....		738.10	22,038.28
911 System.....		-	41,589.91
911 Surcharge Fund.....		1,648.97	
Traffic Signal Fund.....		82.60	
Police Dept. Grants.....		2,378.00	
Transit Fund.....		2,088.28	75,799.89
Water Fund.....		143,599.23	89,119.70
Sewer Fund.....		135,804.41	22,540.38
Quincy Regional Airport Fund.....		24,169.60	16,783.14
Regional Training Facility.....		286.26	
Garbage Fund.....		40,442.64	16,361.28
Central Garage.....		12,341.27	25,666.97
Self Insurance.....		504.98	11,189.41
Health Insurance Fund.....		5,000.00	
Sister City Commission Fund.....		3,676.57	
<b>BANK 01 TOTALS</b>	<b>58,000.00</b>	<b>789,526.13</b>	<b>934,427.75</b>
Motor Fuel Tax.....		2,718.80	
IHDA Grant Fund.....		10.00	
<b>ALL FUNDS TOTAL</b>	<b>58,500.00</b>	<b>792,254.93</b>	<b>934,427.75</b>

Mike Rein  
Jack Holtschlag  
Anthony E. Sassen  
Eric Entrup  
Richie C. Reis  
**Finance Committee**

Ald. Rein, seconded by Ald. Sassen, moved the report be received and vouchers be issued for the various amounts and on the roll call each of the 14 Aldermen voted yea. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Ald. Uzelac moved to close the sidewalk in front of 706 Maine Street for one month for scaffolding repair. Motion carried.

The City Council adjourned at 8:10 p.m. on a motion of Ald. Holtschlag. Motion carried.

**LAURA OAKMAN**  
City Clerk